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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Department of Defense Proposals for Peripheral Missions (see attached book)

- 1. The Defense Book outlining upcoming peripheral missions lists three categories of flights: Sensitive, Unique, and Routine.
- Missions, two in the Sea of Okhotsk and one in the Baltic. On the Okhotsk missions. Can be supplied, we would strongly suggest that the timing of these be made to coincide with ICBM activities on the TTMTR-Kamchatka range in order to attempt to acquire first priority ABM information. The Baltic mission is in keeping with a CIA requirement currently being levied except that, for maximum utility, ELINT data on the associated SAM radars should be sought concurrently.

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  - We have no objection to any of these 3. Unique. missions; we particularly endorse (FYI this is the area where the RB-47 was lost two years ago. We understand that JCS has established more conservative limits for operations since then.) We are surprised that was seen is scheduled to go within 50 miles of the land mass in the face of the fact that recently the 25X1A2g restricted to 220 miles off shore on the occasion of the 22 March firing from Tyura Tam to Kamchatka. Our interests would have been best served on that occasion if a 50-mile limit had existed. The purpose in raising this is to highlight the fact that would in the 25X1A2a future have far better chance of achieving its mission, particularly with the optical system, in its approach to the land mass.

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